

III. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 32-34, 37-39, and 47-54 are pending in the application. Claims 32 and 37 are independent.

Certain claims have been amended for clarity with regard to the specification and drawings, and not in response to any statutory requirement.

The substitute specification and the marked-up original specification are being re-submitted, as requested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-16, 26, 27, 32-39, and 47-56, were rejected as being unpatentable over Razavi, Kimura, Spauer '514, Hakim, Spauer '074, and Yuan, for the reasons discussed on pages 3-7 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

Without conceding the propriety of the stated rejections, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 131 Declaration by co-inventors Nathanson and Nader to antedate U.S. Patent No. 6,754,183 to Razavi, and U.S. Patent No. 6,760,748 to Hakim. Thus, the rejections of independent Claims 32 and 37 (and their dependent claims) have been overcome.

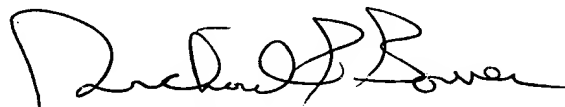
With respect to cancelled independent Claims 1, 7, 26, and 56 (and their dependent claims), Applicants

forcefully traverse their prior art rejections. However, to secure immediate allowance of the subject application, and while preserving Applicants' right to file one or more continuation applications to pursue the broad but patentable claims, Applicants have cancelled these claims.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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